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17. A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein inner faces of the arm of one part have a series of spaced teeth, which are selectively engageable between corresponding teeth on outer faces of the arms of the other part.

18. A device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the teeth of the outer faces of the arms of the other part are within channels in the arms.

19. A device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the respective series of teeth are arranged so that the two parts of the device are only engageable to a limited extent, whereby one part is prevented from slipping past the other part.

20. A device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the respective series of teeth are arranged so that the two parts of the device are only engageable to a limited extent, whereby one part is prevented from slipping past the other part.

REMARKS

Claims 13 through 20, *supra*, conform essentially to claims 1 through 7 submitted in a response to the Written Opinion dated November 17, 1999, and appended to the International Preliminary Examination Report, which found that claim 1 (to which claim 13, *supra*, conforms) was novel and involved an inventive step.

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